THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.D. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has intimated that it has already released as many as 227 titles of textbooks in the market and that the remaining 10 titles would be released shortly. The NCERT has already hosted 54 textbooks for classes IX to XII on its website *www.ncert.nic.in* for easy access to the material.

(c) the NCERT is taking steps to review and reform its textbooks production and distribution system in order to ensure timely availability of textbooks to the students.

Increase of students in Primary Education Sector

f4055. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA: SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether m id-term appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan has revealed the fact that the number of students taking admissions has increased in Primary Education Sector and the rate of drop-outs upto Class V has also decreased;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the assessment with regard to the extent of improvement in the future and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Mid-term Appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan has not been finalised.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Admission in colleges/universities

† 4056. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that only 7 per cent to 8 per cent children in the age group of 18 to 23 years are able to get admission in the colleges or universities;

(b) if not, the exact assessment of these figures;

(c) whether Government have chalked out any new schemes in order to increase the number of such admissions and to increase the number of regular colleges; and

(d) if so, the target set for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir, it is so estimated.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Colleges are established by the State Governments/ Universities/Private Managements/Trusts. However, according to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission, it is proposed to enhance the access ratio to 10% by the end of Tenth Plan through conventional and distant mode of education.

Selection and promotions in Delhi University

† 4057. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per rules actions like selection and promotion should not be taken prior to completion of tenure of the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Delhi but lecturers and professors are being appointed there on large scale since last few days by flouting the rules of UGC and his Ministry;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that selection committees are being constituted without obtaining approval of academic council; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government to check flouting of rules?

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